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The Athens-Clarke County Library Board held its annual meeting at the Regional Library on Thursday afternoon, May 16,1957 at 5:00 p.m. with the following members present: Richard Bloodworth, Jr., Thomas H.Milner, Jr. Mrs. F.H.Mendenhall and Troutman Wilson. Also present was Sarah Maret.

Chairman Bloodworth called the meeting to order after which the minutes were read and approved.

The Chairman gave a brief report on the bookmobile saying that it had arrived in Athens on February 21,1957 and that plans for publicizing its arrival had been carried out. It was shown in the participating counties on February 25, 26, 28 and on March 1.

The Board discussed the painting of the roof of the library. Miss Maret reported having received a bid from Coile Barrett of the Police Department who said that he would contract for the job for $60.00 if the library furnished the paint or for $110.00 if he furnished the paint. Mr. Wilson said he would ask the opinion of Hugh Logan as to whether this work was needed at the present time.

The Chairman reported that the condition of the building (Knox Institute) which houses the Dunbar Branch Library is very bad and that it has been suggested that we try to get the old Home Economics Building on Reece Street for the library. He reported that he had called Malcolm Rowe and Sup't. Sam Wood concerning the use of this building. It was reported that the title to this property was not clear and that the control rests with the County Board of Education. Mr. Wood had suggested that a written request be made to the County Board of Education, asking for the building's use for the library. Mr. Milner moved that a committee be appointed to inspect the property under consideration and see if it is satisfactory for a library building and that if it is satisfactory, to write to the County Board of Education asking for the use of it in lieu of the present quarters and that we spend up to $500.00 for its renovation. Motion seconded by Mr. Wilson and carried. The Chairman appointed Mr. Milner, Mrs. Mendenhall and Mr. Wilson to serve on this committee. The Chairman gave this committe authority to act if the building is satisfactory.

Chairman Bloodworth reported a great need for additional space for the library. He reported to the Board that a room in the house next door to the Salvation Army had a room to rent for $15.00 per month. Mr. Wilson moved that we rent this room for the storage of library property. Motion seconded by Mrs. Mendenhall and carried.

It was pointed out by the Director that when the case for the Grecian Urn was installed in the library that it was impossible to attach it to the wall and that a rod had to be run completely through the wall in order to make it stay. It was suggested that we have Mr. Heery look over the building to determine its stability before we spend too much repairing it. Mr. Milner suggested that we air condition the building.

The Chairman reported that we have several vacancies on the Board at present and that these should be filled. He asked for nominations from members. Mrs. Mendenhall nominated Miss Natalie Bocock and she was unanimously approved by the gr group. Several other names were suggested. Mr. Wilson pointed out that we

needed to have every ward of the city represented on the Board and suggested that we make a survey in order to do this. This met with the approval of the members and Mr. Wilson agreed to assume this responsibility.

Officers were elected for the coming year as follows:

Chairman	Richard Bloodworth, Jr.
V. Chairman	Mrs. Frank Dudley
Treasurer	Thomas H.Milner, Jr.
Corres. Sec'y	Mrs. F.H.Mendenhall

Miss Maret reported that a book had been placed in the library from the Board in memory of our deceased member, Mrs. J.W.Bailey. It was suggested that a copy of the letter notifying the family of Mrs. Bailey of this gift be attached to these minutes.

There was no other business. The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Sarah C. Maret

Director and Secretary

December 3,1957

The Athens Regional Library Board met at the Regional Library on Tuesday afternoon, December 3,1957 at 5 o'clock.

The following members were present:

CLARKE COUNTY	MADISON COUNTY
Richard Bloodworth, Jr.	Mrs. Hiram J.Whitehead
W.W.Wier	
Mrs. Robert Stephens	
Abit Nix	
Judge Arthur Oldham	OGLETHORPE COUNTY
Mrs. Frank Dudley	
Troutman Wilson	Mrs. W.G.Callaway
Miss Natalie Bocock	Mrs. W.W.Moore
Sarah Maret	

No representative from Oconee County was present.

The Chairman called the meeting to order. Miss Bocock and Mrs. Moore were welcomed as new members.

Minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

The budget for the Regional Library for 1958 was distributed and discussed. Mr. Nix moved that the budget be adopted. Motion seconded by Mr. Wilson andcarried.

A report on the new quarters of the Dunbar Branch Library was made by Mr. Wilson. He reported that the Home Economics Building of the Athens High and Industrial School on Reece Street was secured for the library from Malcolm Rowe. The building had been painted and the necessary repairs made and a most attractive library had resulted. Mr. Wilson was in charge of the work and the Board expressed its appreciation to Mr. Wilson for his part in making this such a successful project.

Miss Maret said that Open House was held at the library on December 1. Quite a number of Colored patrons attended this affair and all expressed their delight with the new quarters.

A report from Mrs. Dudley revealed that no work had bee n done on the library garden in some time, but that the Junior Ladies Garden Club was still interested in this project.

It was pointed out that the treads on the steps leading to the second floor of the library building were badly worn. A sample of material available at Sam Smith's was shown to the group. A price of $140.00 had been given by the Sam Smith Co. for replacing the treads. It was the feeling of the group that this was too high. Mr. Milner moved that Mr. Wilson be appointed to investigate materials and prices and see what the work could be done for and if a reasonable price could be secured that he be empowered to have the work done. Motion seconded by Mr. Wier. Motion carried.

Mr. Wier told of a Auto-book Return Box which he had seen on a recent trip and suggested that the library give consideration to buying one. After discussion, Mr. Milner moved that Mr. Wier investigate the possibility of purchasing such a box for the library and that he be empowered to proceed to buy it for the library. Motion seconded and carried.

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Several interesting gifts from Mrs. W.L.Moss were shown to the board. A silver flower basket and record books belonging to Miss Julie Moss a former teacher in Athens were among the items. Miss Maret reported that a feature article had been written and will appear in the Banner Herald on Sunday. Miss Maret asked about having a "Miss Julie Moss Day" at the library. It was the opinion of the group that such a day would be a fine tribute to Miss Moss, one of Athens' early beloved citizens.

Miss Maret reported on the special allotment of State funds which had been received by the library. A total of $ 2,608.80 was received. A budget had been submitte to the State Department of Education for the expenditure of these funds. All of the money had to go for rural library service.

There was no other business and the meeting was adjourned.

After the meeting the majority of the members visited the Dunbar Library to see the new quarters.

David C. Maret

Director and Secretary